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E. B. WARD, Deceased.

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MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1877.

CHICAGO MARKET SUMMARY.

The Chicago market is in a general state of stagnation, with a fair volume of business. Most pork closed a shade lower, at \$15.00 per 100 lbs. cash, and \$18.10-\$16.17½ for June. Lard closed a shade easier, at \$10.10 per 100 lbs. cash, and \$10.20-\$10.24 for June. Meats were easier, and some per 100 lbs. were \$7.50-\$7.75, and others \$8.00 per 100 lbs. for do short cuts. Sheep were firm, at \$1.10 per gallon. Flour was very active, and firm. Wheat closed 4¢ lower, at \$1.60¢ per May, and \$1.72¢ for June. Corn closed 10¢ higher, at 57¢ for May, and 59¢ for June. Oats closed a shade higher, at 75¢ for May, and 74¢ for June. Rice was easier, at 22¢. Barley was quiet, at \$3.50-\$6.70 per 100 lbs. Cattle were steady, at \$3.50-\$6.50. Sheep were firm. One hundred dollars in gold would buy \$106.625 in greenbacks at the close.

In New York on Saturday greenbacks ruled at \$22.933.

Roumania has completed with Russia what is designated as a convention to secure the neutrality of the former, but which looks very like the preliminary negotiation which paves the way to an entire identification later on of Roumanian with Russian interests.

The closing of the Danube to the navigation of neutral vessels has had the effect of advancing wheat in London one shilling a quarter on incoming cargoes. Russia's action in the closing of the Danube is construed as furnishing definite ground for the supposition that she has effected a complete understanding with Austria.

The proposition of Germany to assume the protection of Russian subjects remaining in Turkey after the declaration has been rejected by the Porte, and the plan of expelling all Russians from the Empire after a certain date will be adhered to. Germany's offer was made in the interest of humanity, and its rejection by the Turkish Government will naturally have the effect to greatly strengthen the hatred, which the Germans feel toward the brutal Turks.

Particulars are received of a fearful catastrophe which occurred yesterday morning at Montreal. The dismantled walls of a large factory building which had taken fire a short time before, and upon which the firemen were working, suddenly tottered and fell outward with an awful crash, burying the lower buildings adjoining in the ruins, and overwhelming a large number of people in the appalling shower of red-hot bricks. Nine men were killed outright, and ten were wounded in various degrees of severity.

Our customary variety of religious intelligence is presented this morning, and includes a sermon on "Public Morals," by Prof. SWING; a most excellent discourse by the Rev. DR. HARRISON, of Atlanta, Ga., on the "Religious Future of the Races of the South"; a sermon on "The Revelation of God in Nature," by the Rev. DR. POWELL, of the Third Unitarian Church; the leave-taking of the Rev. J. T. SUNDERLAND, who is about to retire from the pastorate of the Fourth Unitarian Church; and an interesting letter from our Boston correspondent describing the progress of the labors of Mr. MOORE and his co-workers in Boston in the cause of religion and temperance.

The strange and unexpected announcement comes of the discovery, on the shore of Lake Erie, of a body firmly believed to be that of Mr. P. F. BURKE, the gifted singer and evangelist, whose death at Ashtabula was so widely and sincerely mourned. A party of sportsmen found the remains on the beach about ten miles east of Cleveland, and about fifty miles from the point where the fatal bridge spanned the creek, and, after humbly interring the corpse, to them wholly unknown, their description gave rise to the belief that it was indeed the body of the poor BURKE, for which, it will be remembered, the most thorough and indefatigable search was made by sorrowing friends immediately following the disaster. The theory is that the body was frozen fast to a cake of ice and later carried out into the lake, where, with this aid to preservation, it drifted until finally washed ashore. If the supposition proves to be true, it will bring consolation to thousands of hearts to realize and later with suitable marks of affection the remains of the man so widely loved and esteemed.

The masters and produce merchants of the Board of Trade have appointed a Committee of their leading men to confer with the railroad people relative to the discrimination against them made by the recent increase of rates on fourth-class freight. The place of the subject to which this Committee ought to give its principal attention is the practice of the railroad officials putting their heads together every few weeks and ordering a sudden and arbitrary change of rates in some one or more of the different classes. This practice is entirely wrong in principle and unjust in its operation. No man who buys for shipment can conduct business intelligently, owing to the constant uncertainty of rates. If his judgment foretells a rise and he buys, the railroads may suddenly swallow up all his profits by raising the rates, and not only wipe out his profits but cause him to make a loss where he was entitled to a gain. The Committee might remind the railroads that, if they do

not abandon this pernicious practice, the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court enables the State Legislatures to compel them to do what they ought to do of their own motion.

The plan of investigation favored by Secretary SHERMAN in connection with the customs frauds in New York is an excellent innovation upon the useless secrecy which has usually attended such inquiries. Mr. SHERMAN proposes that the taking of testimony by the Committee shall be in the largest sense public, believing that the printing of the reports by the daily press will have the effect of calling out and suggesting the offer of valuable testimony which otherwise would not be reached. There are few official investigations that would not be more successful with full publicity than with the Star-Chamber privacy that is so popular among committees, committees, and public officers generally.

THE CAMPAIGN IN ASIA MINOR.

It will be well to receive the Turkish dis-

patches announcing victories in Asia Minor with the usual discount allowed to accom-

plished liars. The news of Russian repulses at Kars, Ardahan, and Tokhrokuon, with heavy loss, comes exclusively from Constantinople, and is therefore to be distrusted as propaganda intended to have an effect upon Western Europe in the early stages of the war. If there has been any fighting at all, it has probably been in the nature of skirmishing with the Russian advance, and not with the main army, which is still in the vicinity of its base at Erivan, on the River Aras, and not at Batoum or Tokhrokuon, which are on the south coast of the Black Sea near Trebizond.

The objective point of Russian attack is Erzeroum, southeast of Kars, the possession of which would com-

mand the whole of Armenia and the south shore of the Black Sea.

A brief description of the country now oc-

cupied by the respective forces will give the reader a clearer idea of the military operations. Armenia is divided between the Turks, Russians, and Persians. It extends from the Caucasus on the north to the mountains of Kurdistan on the south, and from the Caspian Sea on the east to Asia Minor on the west. It is a high table-land, varying in height points in the peaks of Mt. Ararat, and its valleys are watered by the Euphrates, Tigris, Aras, and Kura. The Persian portion extends south to the Aras, and is mainly included in the Government of Erivan; the Persian share is in the Province of Azerbijan; and the Turkish is in the Vilayet of Erzeroum. The principal Russian towns are Erivan, Echmiadzin, Arduh, and Alexan-

dropol; the Persian, Urumiyah; and the Turkish, Erzeroum and Van. The locality of the skirmishing recently reported from Constantinople is in the Turkish vilayet north of Armenia and along the coast of the Black Sea east of Trebizond, and near the mouth of the Tchotuk River. Trebizond is the Capital of the vilayet, and is the first commercial port of Turkey in importance on the Black Sea, importing large amounts of grain from Russia and the Danube, and commanding the overland trade with Persia. Erzeroum, the objective point of the Russians, is the Capital of Armenia, on the west branch of the Euphrates, about 110 miles southwest of Trebizond. It is the halting-place of the caravans from Teheran to Mecca, and the distributor of the Trebizond trade with the East, and commands the overland trade with Persia. The Russians have fought over the ground before, Prince TCHAKOFF having taken it by assault in 1829. Once in possession of it, the Russians will hold all Armenia in their grip.

The Russian army in Asiatic Turkey, as originally organized, composed a corps of over 100,000 men, commanded by the Grand Duke MICHAEL, brother of the Czar. Our dispatches state that the Russians are still sending large bodies of troops to swell his army. The Russians since the Crimean War have constructed their roads with reference to possible wars in this very section, and their communications, therefore, are now perfect. She has a railroad running from the Doss to the foot of the Caucasus, and has reduced the time of travel to two days. Across the mountains she has constructed a fine macadamized road extending to Tiflis on the Kura, through the valley of which she has a perfectly easy approach into Armenia. The aim of the war is to subdue the Persians, and to this end the Turks are still sending large bodies of troops to swell his army. 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Buying Government Bonds to Escape Taxation.

The Produce Markets Steadier--The War Appreciation in Prices Maintained.

Provisions Rather Tame--Wheat Quiet--Corn Active.

## FINANCIAL.

The loan market experienced toward the close of last week the periodical demand for advances with which to make purchases of Government bonds in order to escape taxation. The transactions in Government for this purpose were not of much importance of the time. The Board of Trade gave the results of their activity last week. The deposits of margin were very large, and there was some borrowing in order to provide the necessary funds. The supply of mercantile bonds has been good, and the market for stocks and bonds has not been enough to keep the funds of the banks in employable employment.

Rates of discount are 8@10 per cent to regular customers of the banks. On the street rates are unchanged, and the offerings of paper are small.

New York exchanges were quoted between bond and stock.

The clearings of the Chicago banks for the week are reported as follows by Manager D. Hale, of the Chicago Clearing-House:

Days.	Clearings.	Balance.
Monday.	\$2,015,510	\$24,254
Tuesday.	2,015,524	276,512
Wednesday.	2,015,524	276,512
Thursday.	2,027,972	227,647
Friday.	2,046,259	141,676
Total.	\$8,089,745	\$16,704,713
Corresponding week last	\$16,067,167	\$16,066,924

THE ROCK ISLAND LOAN.

The withdrawal of the 6 per cent bond loans of the Rock Island Railroad with subscriptions of only \$2,500,000, instead of \$2,000,000, to which the company is not entitled, the Directors of that Company are to be blamed.

The loan is unmercifully delayed by the New York press to be one of the most desirable railroad investments that could be offered the public. The New York World declares that the bond is not to be had at any price.

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